

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Watsonville  
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Watsonville, CA 95076

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Santa Cruz County  
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**FILE NO.:** PP4

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**Project Title:** Ramsey Park Pump Track Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 1301 Main Street

**Project Location - City:** Watsonville

**Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project involves demolition of the existing skatepark with Ramsey Park to accommodate the construction of a new bicycle pump track. The project proposes to expand the footprint of the existing skatepark by 4,000± square feet to create a 19,000± square-foot bicycle pump track area. Proposed site improvements include new landscaping and fencing. Project entitlements consist of an Administrative Use Permit with Design Review.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Watsonville

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Benjamin Heistein, Assistant Parks & Community Services Director

**Exempt Status (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, 3 & 4; §§15301, 15303 & 15304  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project qualifies for a Class 1, 3 and 4 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, as it minor alteration of an existing recreational facility on a developed parcel located with an urban services area. The project would convert an existing skatepark into a bicycle pump track. The project also involves increasing the size of the footprint of the existing recreational facility by 4,000± square feet from 15,000± to 19,000± square feet. The site is nearly flat, with ground elevation predominantly between 26± feet and 28± feet AMSL. Demolition and grading activities would result in the off-hauling of a small amount of materials, consisting of 100± cubic yards of asphalt, 40± cubic yards of organic material, and 40± cubic yards of metal recycling. Off-haul truck trips would require a total of six trips over three days, which would not result in a traffic related impact. No noise-related impacts are anticipated, in that the project site is not located near a sensitive receptor (e.g., residence) and all demolition and grading activities would occur during normal business hours. The proposed use—a bicycle pump track—is conditionally permitted in the PF Zoning District.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Justin Meek

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** October 19, 2020 **Title:** Principle Planner, AICP

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_